



Jesus Was Born

Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 2:1-20

MAIN POINT: JESUS WAS BORN TO BE GOD'S PROMISED SAVIOR.

The Roman emperor announced that everyone needed to be registered for a census. Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a safe place for Mary to have her baby, but every place was full. So Mary and Joseph found a place where animals were kept, and that is where Mary had her baby, Jesus. She wrapped Him snugly in cloth, and she laid him in a feeding trough.

In the same region, some shepherds were out in the fields watching their sheep. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord stood before them.

The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I have very good news for you: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David." Then a whole army of angels appeared, praising God.

The shepherds went straight to Bethlehem to find Baby Jesus. They found Mary and Joseph, and the baby. The shepherds went and told others about the baby Jesus. The shepherds returned to their fields, praising God.

Some time later, wise men came to visit Jesus. They had seen a star in the east—a sign from God that Jesus had been born. When the wise men found Jesus, they fell to their knees and worshiped Him.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to save people from sin and to be their King forever.

MEMORY VERSE:

Christ Jesus came in to the world to save all sinners.
1 Timothy 1:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What makes Jesus different?
Jesus is fully God and fully man.

BIBLE STORY:

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- Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for a census.
- Jesus was born to be God's promised Savior.
- Angels appeared to nearby shepherds to tell them the news.
- Even wise men from the east traveled to worship Jesus as King.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was Herod so upset when he heard about a new King?
- Name some ways God showed His power over all circumstances.

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Celebrate a "mini-Christmas" party. Get small presents for your kids, wrap them, and surprise them when they wake up. Discuss how much of a surprise the first Christmas would have been for the shepherds.